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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On pages 1 and 44 of the specification, replace the present title with the following title: 09326244

--METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING OPTICAL CONTRAST ENHANCING AGENTS--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 10.

Amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Three times amended) A method for identifying optical contrast enhancing agents useful for enhancing the sensitivity of optical detection of a biological material comprising:

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